

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	120



Location Lexington

Address 40 Hancock St.

Tuttle-Brigham House

Present use residence

Present owner _____

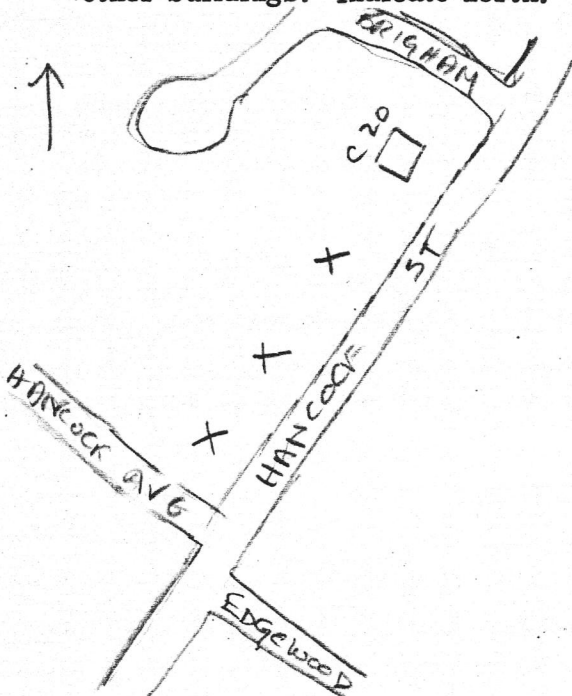
Description: _____

Date 1847

Source Tuttle List

Style Italianate

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect David A. Tuttle

Exterior wall fabric flush boarding, clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn converted to garage

Other features granite foundation in original building, cross gabled; central element flush boarding on front

Altered x Date c.1900

1 story enclosed porches each side of
Moved _____ Date central

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 200'

Approximate distance of building from street
35'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

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Date 9/9/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) ? Brigham
Original use residence
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u></u>	Conservation	<u></u>	Recreation	<u></u>
Agricultural	<u></u>	Education	<u></u>	Religion	<u></u>
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u></u>	Science/ invention	<u></u>
The Arts	<u></u>	Industry	<u></u>	Social/ Humanitarian	<u></u>
Commerce	<u></u>	Military	<u></u>	Transportation	<u></u>
Communication	<u></u>	Political	<u></u>		
Community development	<u></u>				

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip. cont. Sides - wood block. Exceptionally wide corner boards made of vertical narrow boards. Roof with heavy overhang, bracketed, strong return, wide cornice. One chimney in ridge of central element. Windows with heavy flat cornices, moderate brackets. Central element with one story bay (granite foundation) brackets at cornice, balustrade. Double tall window opens over bay window. One story later enclosed porch in angle of wing & central element, brick foundation. One story 3-sided bay on north side. Addition to rear, *Seems* to be separate apartment.

Beautiful landscaping.

Mrs. Brigham owned Hancock Clarke house in 1890s. Threatened to destroy house since its decrepit condition marred her view. Carleton Staples, founder of Lexington Historical Society, bought house with own money, had it moved across street in order to save it.

Built in 1847, by David Ainsworth Tuttle, "for myself." Bought in 1871 by William H. Brigham, who also purchased the Hancock-Clarke house at the same time. Members of the Brigham family continued to live in the house until the death of Ruth Brigham Jackson.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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